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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against JHORDAN GONZALES-SALAZAR and EMILY LAPUENTE charging them with one count of conspiracy to pass counterfeit United States currency, and two counts of passing counterfeit United States currency.

The Indictment alleges that between November 27, 2008 and December 31, 2008, the defendants conspired to pass counterfeit United States currency, in the form of \$100 counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes, to various business establishments through the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania vicinity. The total amount of counterfeit currency passed by these defendants as charged is approximately \$7,000.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JHORDAN GONZALES-SALAZAR	Allentown, PA	30 years old
EMILY LAPUENTE	Allentown, PA	21 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 45 years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$300 special victims/witness assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Seth Weber.

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